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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE OF CONSERVATION

August 22, 2002

Mr. David L. Smelley, REP HARGROVE, PESNELL & WYATT P. O. Box 59 Shreveport, LA 71161-0059

RE:

**EMERGENCY REQUEST OF August 22, 2002** 

SAND(s):

ROBULUS L ZONE, RESERVOIR A

FIELD:

PALMETTO BAYOU FIELD

**PARISH:** 

Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana

**APPLICANT:** 

DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION CO., L.P.

Dear Mr. Smelley:

Because of the reason set forth in your emergency request letter, it has been determined that undue hardship would be caused by the 20-day delay prescribed in Rule 3 of the Revised Rules of Procedure, effective October 11, 1983. You are therefore permitted to immediately file your application in compliance with Rule 8 of the Revised Rules of Procedure.

Yours truly,

JAMES H. WELSH COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

BY:

John R. Aldridge, Director ENGINEERING DIVISION

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Mr. John R. Aldridge Director, Engineering Division Louisiana Office of Conservation Post Office Box 44275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re:

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF PRE-APPLICATION NOTICE REQUIREMENT.

Robulus L Zone, Reservoir A, PALMETTO BAYOU FIELD, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Mr. Aldridge:

Attached is a plat reflecting the one additional unit (ROBULRA SUD) which Devon Energy Production Co., L.P. ("Devon"), intends to request for the captioned zone and reservoir in the Palmetto Bayou Field. The unit shown on the attached plat as ROBU L RA SUC is the subject of a proceeding initiated by Exxon Mobil Corporation ("Exxon Mobil") by pre-application notice dated July 19, 2002. While the pre-application conference with respect to the Exxon Mobil proposals has already been held, no application has to date been filed by Exxon Mobil to my knowledge. In the interest of having the hearing on both the Exxon Mobil proposed unit and the Devon proposed unit at the same time, it is respectfully requested, pursuant to Rule 8 of the Revised Rules of Procedure, that Devon be allowed to utilize the emergency procedure in the calling of a public hearing for creation of the unit shown on the attached plat.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley

Attorney for Devon Energy Production Co., L.P.

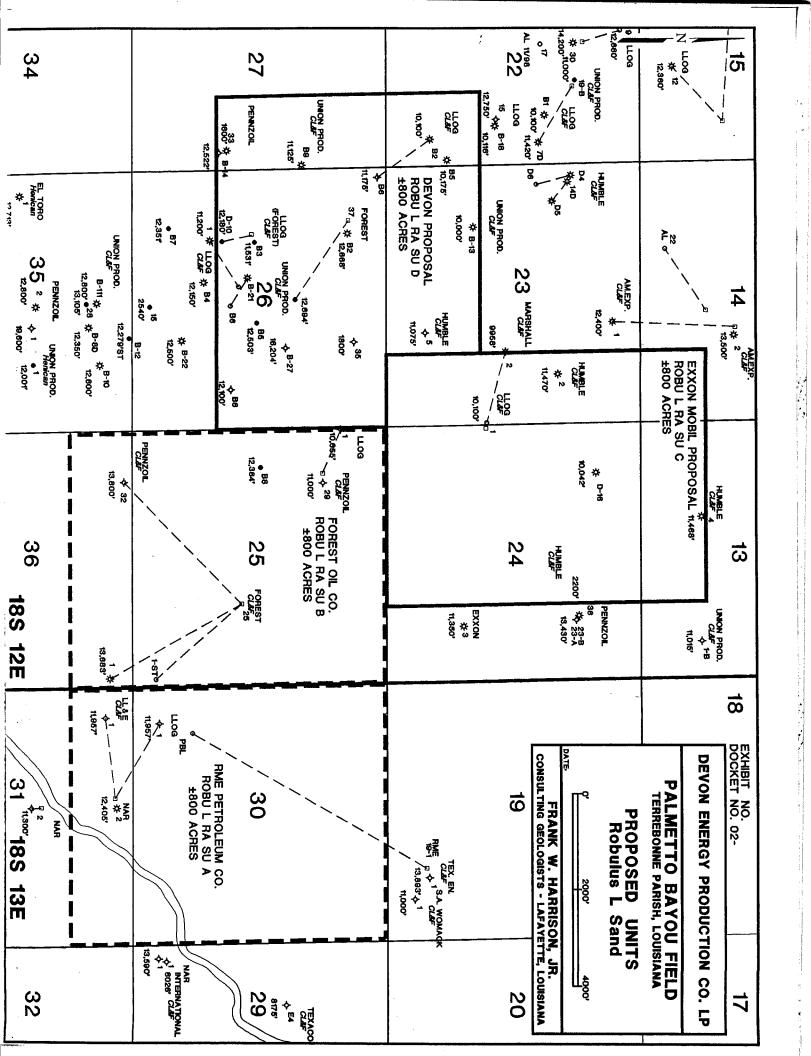
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Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 44275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: <u>APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING</u>

Robulus L Zone, Reservoir A, PALMETTO BAYOU FIELD, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION CO., L.P. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Robulus L Zone, Reservoir A, in the Palmetto Bayou Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Robulus L Zone, Reservoir A, such unit being shown on the attached plat and being designated ROBU L RA SUD.
- 2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
- 3. To designate a unit well and unit operator for ROBU L RA SUD as may be appropriate.
- 4. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 998-E, effective November 27, 2001, to the proposed additional unit.
  - 5. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Robulus L Zone, Reservoir A, in the Palmetto Bayou Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 998-E, effective November 27, 2001.

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Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Frank W. Harrison, Jr., Post Office Box 51943, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Harrison at (337) 232-4031 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

Applicant has heretofore received from you a waiver of the pre-application notice requirements and Rule 3 of the Revised Rules of Procedure effective October 11, 1983; and, therefore, Applicant has not considered such requirements applicable.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plat is enclosed herewith and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list. If any of these parties desire to confer with Applicant concerning these proposals, they are hereby notified that a conference will be held at 10:30 A.M. on September 5, 2002, at the Lafayette Petroleum Club, 111 Heymann Boulevard, Lafayette, Louisiana.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Palmetto Bayou Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley

Attorney for Devon Energy Production Co., L.P.

DLS:dp Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson (w/encls.)

Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

